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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
WWC LICENSE LLC ("WESTERN WIRELESS
CORPORATION") FOR DESIGNATION AS AN
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
AND REDEFINITION OF RURAL TELEPHONE
COMPANY SERVICE AREA.

DOCKET NO. T-04248A-04-0239

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 26, 2004, WWC License LLC dba CellularOne ("Western Wireless") filed the above-captioned application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission").

An initial Procedural Conference was held on September 2, 2004. Western Wireless, Arizona Local Exchange Carriers Association ("ALECA"), Verizon California Inc. and the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") entered appearances through counsel.

On December 30, 2004, Staff filed its Staff Report in this matter, recommending approval of the application subject to conditions.

Western Wireless and ALECA filed responses to the Staff Report, requesting that the Commission modify Staff's recommended conditions.

A Procedural Conference was convened on March 10, 2005. Western Wireless, ALECA and Staff appeared through counsel. Staff proposed to review a new Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") ETC Order,¹ ascertain its application to this docket, and file a supplemental Staff Report.

On April 15, 2005, Staff filed a Supplemental Staff Report on the application, recommending approval subject to revised conditions and reporting requirements. Staff recommended that Western Wireless be required to file a five-year network improvement plan prior to a hearing or Decision in this matter, and that Staff be allowed to provide a supplemental filing in response to the plan within 60 days of its filing.

¹ On March 17, 2005, the FCC released a Report and Order in FCC Docket No. FCC 05-46, In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, adopted on February 25, 2005.

1 On April 22, 2005, following a telephonic procedural conference, a Procedural Order was
2 issued setting filing deadlines for Responsive Comments to the Supplemental Staff Report and Reply
3 Comments. The parties filed comments according to the schedule.

4 On August 23, 2005, a Recommended Opinion and Order was docketed, and was placed on
5 the Commission's Open Meeting Agenda for September 7-8, 2005. The Recommended Opinion and
6 Order has not been considered at a Commission Open Meeting.

7 On February 27, 2006, Alltel filed a Request for Acceptance of Late-Filed Exceptions to the
8 August 23, 2005 Recommended Opinion and Order. The filing stated that on August 1, 2005,
9 Western Wireless merged with Alltel Corporation.

10 On March 15, 2006, ALECA filed a Motion for Thirty Day Extension to File Comments to
11 [Alltel's] Request for Acceptance of Late-Filed Exceptions.

12 On January 24, 2007, Alltel filed a Notice of Withdrawal of Exceptions and Request that
13 Recommended Opinion and Order be Heard at Open Meeting.

14 On January 26, 2007, Staff filed a Second Supplemental Staff Report in this docket, in which
15 Staff recommends approval of revised eligibility conditions and associated reporting requirements.

16 On March 2, 2007, Alltel filed a response to the Second Supplemental Staff Report. Alltel's
17 March 2, 2007 filing requests that an amended Recommended Opinion and Order be issued to
18 incorporate the six additional recommendations appearing in the Second Supplemental Staff Report,
19 and that the amended Recommended Opinion and Order be considered at the April 11-12, 2007 Open
20 Meeting.

21 Intervenor ALECA should have an opportunity to comment on the Second Supplemental Staff
22 Report and on Alltel's March 2, 2007 filing.

23 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Arizona Local Exchange Carriers Association shall
24 file, no later than **March 16, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.**, their Responsive Comments, if any, to the January
25 26, 2007 Second Supplemental Staff Report and to Alltel's March 2, 2007 filing.

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the presiding Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter,
27 amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by
28 ruling at hearing.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2007.


TEENA WOLFE
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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